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REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1955

Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R. J. Little), Perth

5th December, 1955

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th June, 1955 -

Males - 339,171

Females - 319,367

Persons - 658,538

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1954 -

Persons - 354,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Marriages - Number	446	416	3,779	3,845
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.18	7.86	7.69	8.06
Births - Number	1,456	1,362	12,587	11,734
* Rate per 1000 of Population	26.72	25.74	25.61	24.58
Deaths - Number	454	481	4,026	4,021
* Rate per 1000 of Population	8.33	9.09	8.19	8.42
Infant - Number	31	37	266	260
Mortality * Rate per 1000 Live Births	21.29	27.17	21.13	22.16
PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -				
Tuberculosis	4	8	25	45
Malignant neoplasms	66	61	541	580
Diabetes mellitus	5	4	44	39
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	2	14	14
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	61	59	464	454
Diseases of the heart	142	155	1,285	1,276
Hypertension with heart disease	8	13	112	123
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	3	11	49	67
Arteriosclerosis	10	13	113	106
Influenza	1	7	7	26
Pneumonia	16	18	151	129
Bronchitis	6	3	34	35
Other respiratory disease	4	2	41	38
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	2	21	37
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	2	19	23
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	2	1	7	6
Cirrhosis of the liver	1	2	15	14
Nephritis and nephrosis	8	6	55	58
Disease of the prostate	6	5	43	41
Maternal causes	-	2	8	8
Disease of early infancy	21	23	153	166
Motor Vehicle Accidents	16	14	147	132
Other accidents	13	19	171	154
Suicide	9	7	57	55
All other causes	46	42	450	395
Total:	454	481	4,026	4,021

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

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Prepared by the Government Statistician (Mr. J. J. L. Smith), Perth

1st Quarter, 1957

This report gives details of the following items:-

Item	Value	Unit
Wool	1,200	tons
Meat	500	tons
Grain	300	tons
Other	100	tons
Total	2,100	tons

Source: Bureau of Statistics

Perth - 1957

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LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, 1955, totalled 572,160 acres, a decrease of 330,374 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 6,713,663 acres, an increase of 1,445,063.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	3,598,049	3,260,556	14,350,347	13,904,410
Revenue per Head of Population	5. 8. 3	5. 1. 0	21. 13. 6	21. 12. 6
Expenditure	4,371,575	3,657,710	16,665,981	14,639,691
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 11. 6	5. 13. 4	25. 3. 6	22. 15. 4

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balance on the 31st October, 1955, amounted to £54,914,000 or £82.9.1 per head of population as against £51,137,245 or £79.2.7 per head as at the 31st October last year.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for 4 weeks ended 27th October, 1955, amounted to £13,655,921 compared with £13,688,374 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
Transfers	No.	1,522	1,936	7,008	8,589
	£.	1,954,013	2,697,117	9,300,074	12,707,937
Mortgages	No.	1,042	1,342	4,609	6,649
	£.	2,075,169	2,301,011	9,338,086	11,755,987
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	774	869	3,417	4,326

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
October, 1955	3,362,835	3,836,467	8,826,507	406,654
October, 1954	3,437,149	1,927,836	8,942,630	475,696
Four months ended October, 1955	14,217,188	10,368,266	36,547,953	1,794,018
Four months ended October, 1954	14,184,249	7,965,363	35,720,389	1,887,601

LAND ACQUISITION

For the purpose of the acquisition of land for the construction of the proposed project, the following land is being acquired:

STATE OF TEXAS

County of _____

Section _____

Block _____

Tract _____

Containing _____

Acres

More or less

According to the

Survey of _____

and _____

COMPANIES REGISTERED

75 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,549,000 and 36 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1955. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 97 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £18,447,500 and 40 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	Four Months ended OCTOBER					
	1955			1954		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	28	43,959	20,724	22	50,014	21,454
Deeds of Assignment (a)	21	113,584	117,953	9	42,156	48,736
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	1	1,223	274

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Gross Earnings (a) * £.	1,054,100	1,022,400	3,158,500	3,003,600
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,258,382	1,148,728	3,670,321	3,481,202
Train Miles Run No.	679,896	638,057	2,057,231	1,870,466
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 131,055	(b) 142,852	(c) 342,819	(c) 380,923
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,240,517	1,079,696	3,033,064	2,344,486
Motor Bus No.	29,321	31,201	81,985	90,263
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	258,902	241,858	835,531	764,717
Livestock	15,445	13,275	37,111	31,386
Departmental (Free Freight)	69,400	69,354	217,678	225,499
Total:	343,747	324,487	1,090,320	1,021,602
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	43,205,143	42,061,475	141,808,417	129,128,552
Livestock	2,061,977	1,741,705	5,265,267	4,360,779
Departmental (Free Freight)	7,263,859	10,021,595	23,900,420	29,801,385
Total:	52,530,979	53,824,775	170,974,104	163,290,716

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 17th September.

(c) Period ended 17th September.

* Figures liable to revision.

The following information was obtained from the records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, regarding the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency, Office of Operations, during the period from January 1, 1960, to December 31, 1960.

ADMINISTRATIVE

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1960	Administrative Expenses	10,000.00
1961	Administrative Expenses	12,000.00
1962	Administrative Expenses	15,000.00
1963	Administrative Expenses	18,000.00
1964	Administrative Expenses	20,000.00
1965	Administrative Expenses	22,000.00
1966	Administrative Expenses	25,000.00
1967	Administrative Expenses	28,000.00
1968	Administrative Expenses	30,000.00
1969	Administrative Expenses	32,000.00
1970	Administrative Expenses	35,000.00

(a) Expenses for Operations and Administration

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1960	Operations and Administration Expenses	100,000.00
1961	Operations and Administration Expenses	120,000.00
1962	Operations and Administration Expenses	150,000.00
1963	Operations and Administration Expenses	180,000.00
1964	Operations and Administration Expenses	200,000.00
1965	Operations and Administration Expenses	220,000.00
1966	Operations and Administration Expenses	250,000.00
1967	Operations and Administration Expenses	280,000.00
1968	Operations and Administration Expenses	300,000.00
1969	Operations and Administration Expenses	320,000.00
1970	Operations and Administration Expenses	350,000.00

Overhead Expenses (a) 10,000.00
Total 1,000,000.00

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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES)

	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,068	5,471	112	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,152	5,015	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,657	6,000	70	1,267
1955 -								
January	391	177	2	42	688	393	3	87
February	634	196	1	71	1,025	436	10	104
March	670	224	1	65	1,145	497	4	103
April	576	187	-	48	971	383	-	88
May	581	213	1	67	999	489	8	106
June	571	230	1	54	970	492	5	79
July	494	207	1	51	847	478	3	87
August	593	262	-	47	953	523	-	82
September	632	222	4	62	1,067	435	10	85

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS) /

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Area				Entire State			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1954 -								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,217	58,471	1,117	15,237
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,868	60,144	1,136	14,886
1955 -								
January	52,634	21,971	590	9,704	84,141	58,281	1,043	14,037
February	53,075	22,093	590	9,699	85,797	59,931	1,131	14,427
March	53,656	22,225	562	9,644	87,219	60,793	1,133	14,594
April	54,105	22,367	560	9,628	87,473	60,217	1,119	14,313
May	54,508	22,424	557	9,561	88,887	61,244	1,124	14,508
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,151	61,946	1,131	14,652
July	57,067	23,234	555	9,561	90,186	60,082	1,127	13,879
August	57,450	23,392	559	9,493	90,929	60,501	1,131	13,846
September	57,997	23,481	563	9,473	91,911	60,803	1,141	13,849

/ Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for September, 1955:-
105 Cars; 841 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 7 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Trade of Western Australia, September 1955 and 1954, and three months ended September, 1955 and 1954, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	4,766	3,879	12,124	12,907	4,654	3,847	13,057	11,502
Interstate	8,849	9,599	21,997	24,841	6,307	1,840	12,340	4,124
Total:	13,615	13,478	34,121	37,748	10,961	5,687	25,397	15,626

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BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955 -										
March Qr.	671	1,916	1,272	3,610	32	1,235	185	1,573	2,160	8,334
June Qr.	771	2,209	1,941	5,340	33	851	229	1,260	2,974	9,660

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION
(Includes Owner-Built Homes)

	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955 -										
March Qr.	685	2,449	30	70	1,158	2,760	1	1	1,874	5,280
June Qr.	855	2,996	91	257	1,662	3,972	-	-	2,608	7,225

GOLD PRODUCTION

	OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	71,102	69,121	708,705	719,565
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,115,742	1,080,010	11,078,277	11,203,295
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	87,719	85,937	1,248,685	1,051,823

* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954
Metropolitan Area	2870	2848	2848	2767	2561	2512	2537	2412
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3070	2936	3017	2866	2502	2435	2473	2409
Northam	2928	2865	2910	2772	2511	2441	2496	2383
Bunbury	2981	2881	2927	2805	2581	2498	2550	2405
Geraldton	2990	2923	2940	2840	2702	2648	2668	2530
Collie	2987	2906	2949	2835	2374	2322	2349	2280

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1954			1955		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	133,021	41,620	174,641	135,624	42,794	178,418
February	133,165	42,375	175,540	135,417	43,730	179,147
March	133,924	42,595	176,519	136,290	44,016	180,306
April	133,517	42,811	176,328	136,524	43,893	180,417
May	134,347	42,768	177,115	136,357	43,878	180,235
June	134,969	42,685	177,754	136,347	43,880	180,227
July	134,232	42,947	177,179	135,696	43,901	179,597
August	134,960	42,933	177,893	135,857	43,758	179,615
September	134,947	43,186	178,133	136,616	43,913	180,529
October	135,008	43,559	178,567			
November	135,645	43,962	179,607			
December	135,481	44,179	179,660			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
January	208	214	213	226	233
February	212	216	217	228	235
March	215	216	220	231	236
April	215	215	221	230	236
May	216	214	222	231	236
June	215	211	220	230	235
July	218	211	221	229	233
August	217	212	221	229	235
September	216	211	223	228	236
October	217	212	224	230	
November	217	213	227	231	
December	215	213	227	232	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1954, are preliminary.

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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
9/8/1955	12. 12. 5	8. 4. 1	12. 11. 8	8. 3. 7	12. 14. 1	8. 5. 2

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA
(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1955	1954	1955	1954
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	41,739	36,834	171,505	149,005
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	37,737	33,147	153,101	133,333

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
September, 1955	9,137	486	172,441	13,633
September, 1954	8,497	562	141,679	14,186
3 Months ended September, 1955	42,758	1,154	351,943	42,932
3 Months ended September, 1954	42,155	1,396	279,687	39,397

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
<u>1955 -</u>										
January	409	216	194	93	603	309	12	14	251	128
February	484	137	179	54	663	191	14	7	213	66
March	377	155	192	69	569	224	7	7	223	89
April	472	185	159	79	631	264	11	11	188	114
May	485	162	174	71	659	233	9	5	205	97
June	486	148	175	66	661	214	8	2	215	89
July (a)	580	156	239	84	819	240	11	3	278	127
August (a)	573	162	186	64	759	226	9	4	212	93
September	485	151	186	80	671	231	7	8	213	115
Total 9 Months ended September	4,351	1,472	1,684	660	6,035	2,132	88	61	1,998	918

(a) Revised.

ITEMS OF FACTORY PRODUCTION (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	OCTOBER		4 Months Ended OCTOBER	
		1955	1954	1955	1954
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	440	693	3,401	3,321
Bricks (in terms of standard size) - Cement	'000	335	980	1,740	3,964
- Clay	'000	9,206	9,203	36,767	35,559
Enamels	gal.	8,901	2,221	36,597	12,978
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	192	216	791	844
Paints (Ready Mixed) Ex- cluding Water Paints	gal.	20,531	16,480	70,379	73,028
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	764	1,012	3,243	3,916
Timber, Sawn	'000 sup.ft.	(a)21,545	(a)20,678	(b)62,074	(b)59,375
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	541	623	2,955	3,169
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins)					
Men's and Boys'	no.	7	2,702	3,146	10,277
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	4,724	5,649	16,605	20,668
Sports Coats Men's	no.	448	980	2,079	3,222
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	230	641	1,120	1,861
- 2 piece	no.	1,956	2,116	7,886	8,815
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	3,211	5,351	14,966	21,224
- Work (Cotton and Wool)	no.	10,838	15,789	35,503	61,297
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	29,256	44,203	116,948	152,600
Sandals	pair	17,851	22,741	52,815	63,535
Slippers	pair	31,446	40,663	121,226	178,521
<u>Food</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	721	629	2,426	2,465
Butter	'000 lb.	2,486	2,523	8,259	8,157
Cheese	'000 lb.	294	379	802	1,469
Confectionery (not chocolate)	'000 lb.	300	349	1,300	1,388
Jams	'000 lb.	34	62	282	243
Margarine	'000 lb.	118	68	486	406
Oatmeal	cwt.	4,311	3,295	20,911	12,306
Sauce - Tomato	pint	102,554	57,947	304,878	217,335
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	675	560	2,286	732
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	130	106	547	453
- Nitric	cwt.	28	8	116	56
- Sulphuric	ton	11,801	9,606	57,282	40,561
Cycles, Pedal	no.	724	827	2,348	2,536
Gas .Produced	million cu. ft.	132	126	533	524
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	1,776	1,898	7,659	7,365
- Woven Wire	no.	4,206	6,399	9,929	12,036
- Soft Filled	no.	3,030	3,149	13,259	13,995
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	68	103	249	380
Utilities (all types)	no.	24	33	76	132
Trailers (all types)	no.	27	12	92	64
Perambulators	no.	61	64	210	271

(a) September figures. October not available.

(b) Three months ended September.

